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NEXT STEPS: WHAT TO EXPECT

In the minutes, hours, and days following a disaster, people are dealing with a wide range of physical and emotional stress. People are also often concerned about “what’s next” following disaster.



During the event

Taking small steps now can lead to big changes.

- Find all family members. Both at home and away.
- Get your go-bag, Financial First Aid Kit and any special items.
- Find your pet(s).
- Bring cell phone, charger and radio if not in your kit.
- Get prescription medication for you and your family.
- Remember your family’s escape route.



After the event

Watch out for home repair scams following a disaster.

- Make sure it is safe before you return to your home.
- Register as “Safe and Well” with the American Red Cross.
Visit www.redcross.org for more information.
- Contact your insurance provider to make a claim.

One last step to go.

This is a short list of what you need to be able to provide first responders that connect with you in the event of a disaster.



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WHAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS WILL NEED FROM YOU

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Emergency response providers are often the first to arrive to the scene of an emergency or disaster. They provide services essential to the response and the community. The major groups of emergency response providers include EMS, firefighters, police officers, healthcare providers and Red Cross personnel.

To make the verification and treatment process go smoother, they may need the following information:



Emergency Response Providers Checklist

- Drivers License or Passport.
- Pictures of family members.
- Pictures of pets.
- Medical ID cards.



Congratulations!!!

You've successfully completed your Financial First Aid Kit. Now you can store your Kit someplace safe and rest easy, you've done the hard work to ensure you are ready should disaster strike.

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